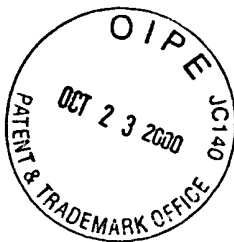


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Please delete the current statement in its entirety and insert therefor:

--This application is a Continuation-in-Part of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial
No. 09/378,221 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ACCESSING A REMOTE
LOCATION BY SCANNING AN OPTICAL CODE" filed on August 19, 1999, which is a

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Continuation-in-Part of the following two U.S. Patent Applications: Serial No. 09/151,471
5 entitled "METHOD FOR INTERFACING SCANNED PRODUCT INFORMATION WITH
A SOURCE FOR THE PRODUCT OVER A GLOBAL NETWORK" filed on September
11, 1998, and Serial No. 09/151,530 entitled "METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A
COMPUTER WITH AN AUDIO SIGNAL" filed on September 11, 1998, and issued on
August 1, 2000 as U.S. Patent No. 6,098,106; the present application being related to the
10 following pending U.S. Patent Applications: Serial No. 09/382,426 entitled "METHOD
AND APPARATUS FOR COMPLETING, SECURING AND CONDUCTING AN E-
COMMERCE TRANSACTION" filed August 24, 1999; Serial No. 09/382,424 entitled
"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRACKING USER PROFILE AND HABITS ON
A GLOBAL NETWORK" filed August 24, 1999; Serial No. 09/382,425 entitled "METHOD
15 AND APPARATUS FOR DIRECTING AN EXISTING PRODUCT CODE TO A REMOTE
LOCATION" filed August 24, 1999; Serial No. 09/382,373 entitled "METHOD AND
APPARATUS FOR LAUNCHING A WEB SITE WITH A NON-STANDARD CONTROL
INPUT DEVICE" filed August 24, 1999; Serial No. 09/382,371 entitled "METHOD AND
APPARATUS FOR LAUNCHING A WEB SITE IN RESPONSE TO SCANNING OF A
20 PRODUCT CODE" filed August 24, 1999; Serial No. 09/382,422 entitled "UNIQUE ID
FOR IDENTIFYING A USER AND FACILITATING AN E-COMMERCE
TRANSACTION" filed August 24, 1999; Serial No. 09/382,377 entitled "METHOD AND
APPARATUS FOR LINKING A WEB BROWSER TO A PROMOTIONAL OFFER OVER
A GLOBAL NETWORK" filed August 24, 1999; Serial No. 09/382,375 entitled "METHOD
25 AND APPARATUS FOR UTILIZING AN EXISTING PRODUCT CODE TO ISSUE A
MATCH TO A PREDETERMINED LOCATION ON A GLOBAL NETWORK" filed
August 24, 1999; Serial No. 09/379,699 entitled "NETWORK ROUTING UTILIZING A
PRODUCT CODE" filed August 24, 1999; Serial No. 09/379,700 entitled "METHOD FOR
INTERCONNECTING TWO LOCATIONS OVER A NETWORK IN RESPONSE TO
30 USING A TOOL" filed August 24, 1999; Serial No. 09/496,790 entitled "WEB SITE
ACCESS BY MANUAL ENTRY OF A CHARACTER STRING INTO A SOFTWARE